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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 21, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper, and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended and new drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.